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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUANCE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

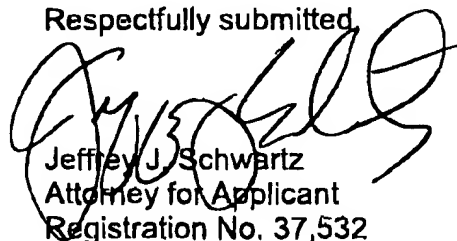
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2), Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the present application from issuance for consideration of the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the case are in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore requested at an early date. If the examiner believes that issues remain for discussion, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number or e-mail address listed below.

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